

**Johnny Sanchez – Chief Deputy**  
**Mike Johnson – Undersheriff**  
**Sarah White – Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Travis Baxley – Task Force Commander**  
**Tim Scott – Lt. Northern District**



**Justin Solberg- Jail Commander**  
**William Carlson – Lieutenant**  
**Sandra Estrada – Lieutenant**  
**Christine Duarte - Lieutenant**

**Office of**  
**Sheriff of Gila County**  
**J. Adam Shepherd**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Sheriff J. Adam Shepherd is proud to announce the appointment of Lieutenant Mike Johnson to the rank of Undersheriff.

Mike is a veteran of the Gila County Sheriff's Office starting his career in September 1990. Mike began his career as a Detention Officer. He transferred into Patrol as a Deputy Sheriff in 1996. Mike continued to work his way up through the organization exemplifying dedication, teamwork, and a commitment for excellence. He was promoted to his first management position the rank of Sergeant in July 2002. Mike was then promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in December 2006. Over the last 23 years, Mike has fulfilled responsibilities as a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Training Coordinator, a position designated by AzPOST. Mike has attended the IACP Leadership in Police Organizations. Mike has received numerous letters of recognition and awards throughout his career.

Sheriff J. Adam Shepherd is pleased to have had such a well-rounded experienced candidate from within the Office. "His solid reputation in the community and within the Office as the Southern Patrol Commander will serve him well as the Undersheriff whose responsibilities will be for the Field Services Bureau for the entire County."

As Undersheriff, Mike will be responsible for the Field Services Bureau which includes Patrol, Dispatch, and Criminal Investigations for Gila County. Mike is looking forward to the new challenges. "I am ready to tackle the challenges and continue the positive administration under the direction of the Sheriff as we work in the communities within Gila County. I am confident that we can make our homes and communities a safer place to raise our families."

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